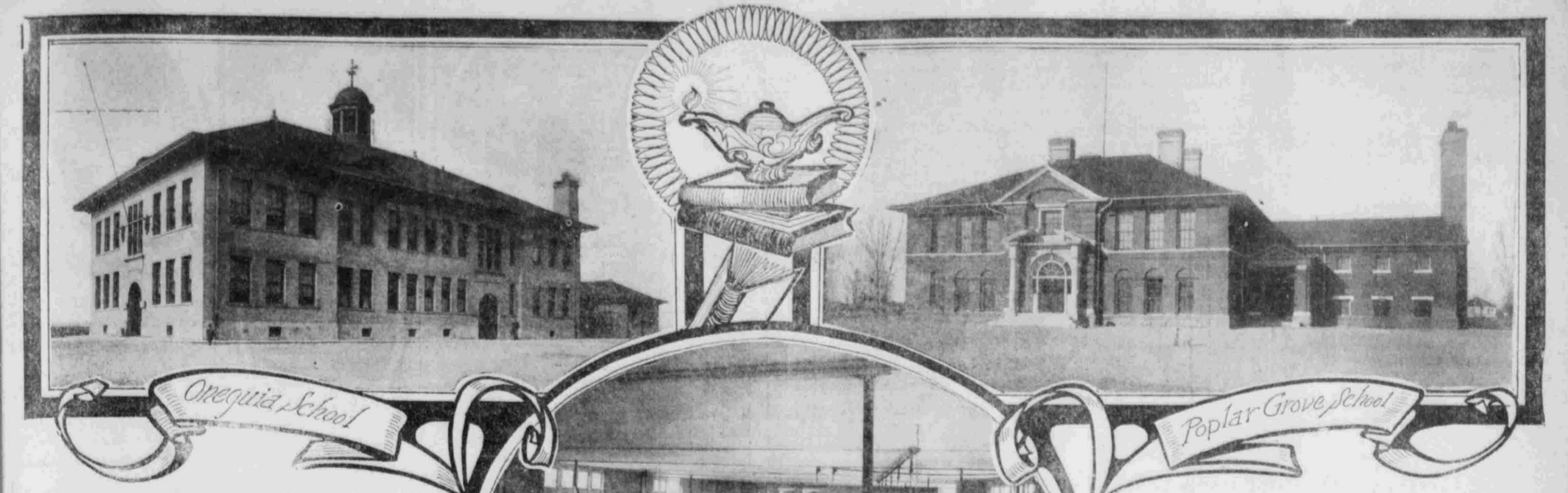


Utah, The State of Splendid School Advantages



Splendid Progress Marks Utah's School Development This Year.

By A. C. Nelson, State Superintendent of Schools.

In their work, the schools of Utah have kept pace with the progress of the year. They have given in return for the money expended on them, that mental, moral, and physical development which must be maintained...

Teachers. Much praise is due to the teachers of the Utah schools. Their work is great, their monetary remuneration small. There is scarcely living expense, in very many instances, for the head of a household who devotes his life to teaching school...

High School. The high school has grown with the growth of the entire system. The enrollment by original entry the second month of this year was 1,173, as compared with 1,123 of last year.

Statistics. The following table shows the amount per capita of funds expended in the several cities and counties of the state during the last twelve years for school purposes. The reports for 1907 are incomplete.

Table with columns for Counties (Boyer, Boulder, Cache, Carbon, etc.) and rows for years (1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907).

General Information. The following statistics will likely be of general interest, although they are not strictly financial. Statistics data can be found in the report for the year 1907.

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Board of Education Keeps Up With Rapid Growth of City. Unfortunately for the city schools a considerable portion of the revenue derived from the county school tax reverts to the county that would ordinarily support the city schools if this tax were appropriated. This is due to the great disparity of school population in the city in relation to city annexation.

Phenomenal Expansion of Salt Lake High School. The natural high of the city's public school system. Situated on a square bounded by Second and Third Streets it comprises a large area which affords ample room for a magnificent campus and playground.

Fort Douglas - Favorite Army Post. The local public expectation is that at the coming session of Congress, the local public expectation is that at the coming session of Congress, the local public expectation is that at the coming session of Congress...

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Liberal Salaries. However, the total city school expenditures for 1907-8 were \$30,236.62. The estimated receipts for 1907-8 are \$28,733.22. Deducting \$6,500 overfund from this amount, it will be seen that the receipts this year will exceed the expenditures of last year by \$49,000.

Physical Education. This department not only is engaged in giving the body of the child a symmetrical development and consequently a healthful tone, but its organization of a public school athletic league has given to the pupils a greater self-respect and also greater self-management in helpful outdoor games.

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